

Remarks

Claims 12-25 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated November 20, dependent claims 13, 16, and 17 were "objected to" but indicated as allowable if amended to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 was dependent upon claim 11, as was claim 16. Claim 17 was dependent upon claim 16. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution, applicants have amended claim 13 by bodily incorporating the text of claim 11 at the beginning of the claim. Claim 13 should therefore be allowable. The remaining claims have all been amended to depend from claim 13, further limiting this claim. Note that the coating slip composition claims (20-25) have been rewritten as process claims, also dependent upon claim 13, the only independent claim. Claim 26 has been cancelled.

These amendments are for the purpose of expediting prosecution. Applicants expressly do not acquiesce to the prior art rejections of claim 11, or the claims which were formerly dependent upon that claim, which has now been canceled.

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Reply to Office Action of November 20, 2008

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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